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Comment: I have given several times to the John Edwards campaign through their website. I was not even aware it was run through ACT Blue. If it was made clear that these contributions did not qualify for matching funds, I would have given my contribution through another avenue that would qualify for matching funds. That was my intention from the first. I had no idea it was even a possibility that my contributions would not qualify for matching funds. My contributions were given in good faith and should be received by the FEC in good faith.

On your own website and your own data files, you have listed my contributions as individual contributions. You should be consistent and count them as individual contributions when it comes to matching funds.

I am writing to comment on Draft Advisory Opinion 2007-31. I urge the Commission to reject Draft AO 2007-31, and permit individual credit card contributions made online through ActBlue to be matched under the Matching Fund Act.

As a supporter of public financing, I believe the Commission should be removing obstacles for presidential candidates to participate in the matching funds system. The Commission should be embracing new technologies and grassroots financing of presidential campaigns. Draft AO 2007-31, on the other hand, would have the Commission erect new barriers to participation in matching funds.

I understand that individuals' contributions through a presidential candidateâ(s web site are readily matchable. Why should an online contribution through ActBlue be any less matchable? The draft advisory opinion barely addresses this question, much less provides an answer, and it should therefore be rejected by the Commission.

Thank you.